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Applicant: Motoharu SEIKI et al. Conf.: 6821  
Appl. No.: 09/689,730 Group: 1652  
Filed: October 13, 2000 Examiner: R. Prouty  
For: NOVEL METALLOPROTEINASE AND ENCODING  
DNA THEREFOR

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

October 9, 2002

Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement dated September 10, 2002, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 13-22 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 13-15 and 18-20, drawn to DNA, vectors and host cells encoding metalloproteinase, classified in class 435, subclass 252.3; and